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In re: Application of

Inventors: Michael J. Freeman and Craig Ullman

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Filed: March 11, 1997 Examiner: Stephen Hong

For: DIGITAL INTERACTIVE SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING FULL INTERACTIVITY WITH
LIVE PROGRAMMING EVENTS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2000, the applicants make the following election of claims:

Group I directed to claims 1-12, 18-31, and 39-52, drawn to interactive programming of television presentation by the viewer.

Additionally, the applicants submit this election with traverse due to the inclusion of claims 13-16 in Group II of the restriction requirement. As discussed during a telephone

interview with the Examiner on October 25, 2000, the second Group should only include claims 8-12 since claims 13-16 were included in error. More specifically, claims 13-16 were not elected in the applicants' response to the previous Office Action mailed May 8, 2000. Therefore, claims 13-16 are not pending in the current matter. Acknowledgment by the Examiner of the withdrawal of claims 13-16 from the second Group is respectfully requested in order to clarify the prosecution history.

Additionally, filed herewith is a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and a check for the appropriate fees.

Dated: October 27, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,


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